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College costs increase

by Kacy Berg and Emily Block
Staff Writers

The Wartburg Board of Regents made many decisions that will impact Wartburg students at a meeting prior to Winter Break. One decision that has caught the attention of many is the tuition increase for the 2000-2001 school year.

Wartburg administrators said they felt that it was important to inform both students and their parents of the five percent increase in costs. Students received an e-mail from President Jack Ohle immediately following Winter Break. In addition, Dr. Mike Book, vice-president for administration and finance, mailed a letter to the parents, and Ohle sent an e-mail to faculty.

In Ohle's e-mail, the breakdown of costs for next year was explained. The total cost of attending Wartburg will increase from $19,205 for the 1999-2000 year to $20,165 for the 2000-2001 year. Tuition will be $15,510, room will be $2,100, board will be $2,300 and fees will be $255.

Although many students feel this is a sudden increase in costs, President Ohle said that college costs traditionally go up four to six percent each year, depending on the cost of living.

"The number one priority of the administration is to keep costs of the Wartburg education as affordable as possible," he said.

Ohle explained that in the 1980s, college costs increased at a greater rate due to high inflation. In recent years, the percentage increase has not been as large.

With this continual increase in college costs, some students fear the price may be getting too high.

"I think the increase in cost is needed, but I think to combat that increasing cost there needs to be an increase in financial aid," said freshman Missy Boevers.

Other students agree. "It's fine to increase the college costs, but scholarships should go up with the inflation too," said freshman Allison Ergang.

Although scholarships have not increased for students planning to attend next year, Ohle said students should still visit the financial aid office because they are willing to assist students combat the cost of college.

Students sign agreement

Wartburg students should have received an e-mail notice from the Controller's Office concerning a new form of handling college costs called the student payment agreement.

The agreement explains the terms of paying the student account each term. A copy of the form was attached to the e-mail sent out. Students registering for the 2000-2001 school year are required to sign the agreement prior to registering for classes and prior to paying the housing deposit.

This new agreement was made as an effort to improve the efficiency of payments made by students.

"Previously, students had no deadlines when to pay," said President Jack Ohle. "We are merely bringing Wartburg up to date with the other colleges."

Students who have not signed this agreement should go to the Controller's Office for information.

Summer comes early

Katie Shannon/TRUMPET

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD—Sophomore Randy Schumacher and freshmen Julia Walsh and Hillary Burns enjoy Tuesday's summer-like weather. Many students were outside curing cabin fever only to be jolted by cooler temperatures later in the week.

Faith and spirituality emphasized this week

by Jessica Mennen
Staff Writer

Spiritual Emphasis Week, a time devoted to religious and spiritual activities on Wartburg's campus, began yesterday and runs through Sunday, March 19. This year's theme is "Children of the Light."

"The purpose of the week is to awaken spirituality and broaden students' involvement," said Rev. Larry Trachte. "We want to heighten and enhance spiritual awareness on campus."

Last year, Spiritual Emphasis Week was criticized for having too narrow a focus. Organizers this year are looking for a wide variety of Christians to participate to prevent this from happening again.

"Spirituality is a much broader thing than religion," said Trachte. All students, regardless of their beliefs, are encouraged to participate in the week's activities.

"Don't be afraid to participate," said student organizer Heidi Tiedt. "Open your mind, and see what it's all about."

Vision kicked off the week Sunday at 9 p.m. in the Choir Room. Tuesday activities include making prayer jars in Buhr Lounge from 8:30-10:30 p.m., and the first of four sexuality Bible study sessions, led by Pastor Ramona Bouzard in the Student Union Conference Room, will be held at 9:30 p.m. Activities Wednesday include a prayer walk around campus beginning at the Chapel at 8 p.m. and Eucharist at 9:30 p.m.

All day Thursday students have the opportunity to make inspirational bookmarks in Buhr Lounge. Friday's activities include a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight in Legends, sponsored in part by Catholic Knights. A Habitat for Humanity Workday in Waterloo and JC Jam at 8 p.m. in Buhr Lounge are planned for Saturday.

Sunday finishes off Spiritual Emphasis Week with a wrap-up worship service at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel and an interfaith dialogue, sponsored in part by Students for Peace and Justice and the International Club. This event begins with a light supper at 5 p.m. followed by the dialogue at 5:30.

Students also have the opportunity to experience the difficulties persecuted Christians face in order to commune and worship together by signing up in the Chapel for the "Secret Communion." Participants will be notified and assemble during the night at a secret location sometime during the week.

Spiritual Emphasis Week T-shirts will be available outside the cafeteria during the week for students to purchase.

Senior High Day will bring 124 high school students to campus Saturday at noon, and the event will end after Sunday's morning worship service. The purpose of this church relations-sponsored weekend is to bring high school students together to have a time of faith development with peers and to get a small taste of college life.

"This weekend gives the opportunity for high school students to gather together to learn about faith and just get on campus," said Pastor Bouzard. "It's a neat opportunity for them to be with college students."

The theme of this year's Senior High weekend is "Trust me ... God" and is staffed entirely by Wartburg volunteers. These volunteers have many activities scheduled for the students. Classes will be taught Saturday afternoon by a wide variety of groups, such as Wartburg TV, the *Trumpet*, Rev. Larry Trachte, the Israel May Term class and Admissions. "Fools Inspired," a high school clown troop from the Quad cities, will lead a class and also participate in the Sunday worship service.

"This weekend gives the students time to see that there are other people the same age as them who are Christians," said Ali Boomershine, who coordinates Senior High Day. "They can worship God in a different setting than just their home church and get to know others in the Midwest."

Other activities scheduled for the students include campus tours, student-led Bible studies, the Wartburg spring play, an all-night lock-in and Sunday morning worship.

Homosexuality forum raises awareness

by Katy Fonken
Staff Writer

A homosexuality forum took place Feb. 24 in Buhr Lounge to promote understanding and tolerance of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation through education and awareness.

"I think that the forum was a good start to a continuing journey to make Wartburg an accepting and comfortable environment for homosexuals," junior Cameron Henneke said. "The key is to keep students engaged in dialogue and to raise awareness about an issue that many people rather ignore."

Several religious questions and comments arose at the forum, reflecting different views about homosexuality and different misconceptions on how campus ministry at Wartburg views the issue.

"We realize there are differing moral positions regarding homosexuality. However, we do believe that God loves all people, and we should share this love with everyone regardless of their sexual orientation. Therefore, Campus Ministry stands against hatred and bigotry toward anyone, and also supports respectful activities that encourage awareness, education and dialogue about issues relating to sexual orientation," stated Campus Ministry.

Many suggestions were brought up at the forum. One was that the campus should organize a Bible study on homosexuality to examine what the Bible actually says about homosexual behavior and how people have interpreted it.

"I was surprised at the number of students that attended the forum and the series of questions they had concerning the religious aspect of homosexuality," said the Rev. Larry Trachte.

For students who are interested, the Rev. Ramona Bouzard will hold Bible studies Tuesday as well as March 21, 28 and April 4 at 9:30 p.m. in the Student Union Conference room.

Issues of homosexuality will be integrated with the topic of sexuality.

Pastor Trachte and Pastor Bouzard will conduct a Wednesday morning chapel series called "Creation of Male and Female," March 22, 29, and April 5. Issues on self-esteem and topics such as "Your View on Homosexual Neighbors" and "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire Anyway" will also be addressed.

As a continuation of the forum, senior Nicole Williams, juniors Jessica Braithwaite and Amanda Porter, and sophomores Kristen Giard and Elizabeth Fairchild-Ehm are working to put together a safe zone project to be implemented in the fall of 2000 at Wartburg.

These five students hosted the Homosexuality Forum the week before break.

Campus briefs

VOTE FOR EARTH'S LOGO
by Natalie West

EARTH, the campus environmental organization, wants students to vote for its new logo outside the cafeteria this week. They will also raffle off various items from T-shirts to Wartburg mugs. Tickets will be 50 cents each or three for a dollar.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Students are to fill out registration cards for Fall, Winter and May Terms 2000-01 with their advisor. The card may be taken to the registrar's office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the days designated for each class:

3Y & 4Y	Monday and Tuesday
2Y	Monday and Tuesday, March 20-21
1Y	Monday and Tuesday, March 27-28
SP	Wednesday, March 29

Bills must be paid before a student may bring his or her card to the registrar. Each class will have priority only on the two days assigned. All students with the same classification will have equal chance to get into available courses.

LIBRARY SPACE LIMITED

Pathways and Career Services will be using at least 75 percent of the study rooms on the third floor of the Vogel Library Thursday from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Please plan study schedules accordingly.

FACULTY NOMINATIONS
by Joni Burrier

The deadline for nominations for the Student Award for Teaching Excellence has been extended until March 20. This award is for a professor that exemplifies teaching excellence at Wartburg. The faculty member will speak at the Excellence in Teaching and Scholarship Convocation April 4. Return nominations to the Student Senate office.

JC JAM FOR SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS WEEK

Seven Wartburg students will be performing Christian music for Spiritual Emphasis Week. The JC Jam will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in Buhr Lounge, and admission is a school supply or $1.

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Trumpet online receives award

Communication & Marketing Press Release

The 12-page Feb. 21 edition of the *Trumpet* online was awarded third place in general excellence by the Associated Collegiate Press during its Best of the Midwest College Newspaper Convention in Minneapolis last weekend.

Judging included the readability of stories and headlines, the effectiveness of the photographs and graphics, and the overall coordination of the web site.

The competition was judged by the Tribune Media Services of Minneapolis.

Sarah Speltz, a junior from Winona, Minn., is editor of the *Trumpet*. Cinnamon Ansorge, a sophomore from Storm Lake, is the online editor.

"This is a very satisfying reward for the efforts of both the print edition and online staffs of the *Trumpet*," Lil Junas, *Trumpet* adviser, said after returning from the convention. "I think the recognition will energize our young staff."

KWAR collects food for Hunger Strike 2000

by Jordan Drackley
Layout Assistant

KWAR's Hunger Strike organizers hope to meet the success they had last year.

This year's goal of 2,000 items has been upped from last year's goal of 1,652 items, which was one for each student, faculty member and staff member.

"We even had food coming in after we met our goal, so we collected about 1800 items in 25 hours," said senior John Borleske, KWAR station manager.

They also collected over $1,100 from Student Senate and private gifts, which was not a part of the goal but still benefits the food shelves.

The DJs and staff will be broadcasting live Thursday on the Old Main lawn. Students will camp out in cardboard boxes until the goal for Waverly's Community Action Center is met.

"We hope to achieve the success we had last year, not only in collecting the items but providing attention to hunger," said Borleske.

Did you know...

—About one-fifth of the population of the world's developing nations are malnourished, and 200 million of them are children.

—Americans and Europeans spend $17 billion annually on pet food, which is $4 billion more than the cost of providing basic health care and nutrition for all people in developing countries.

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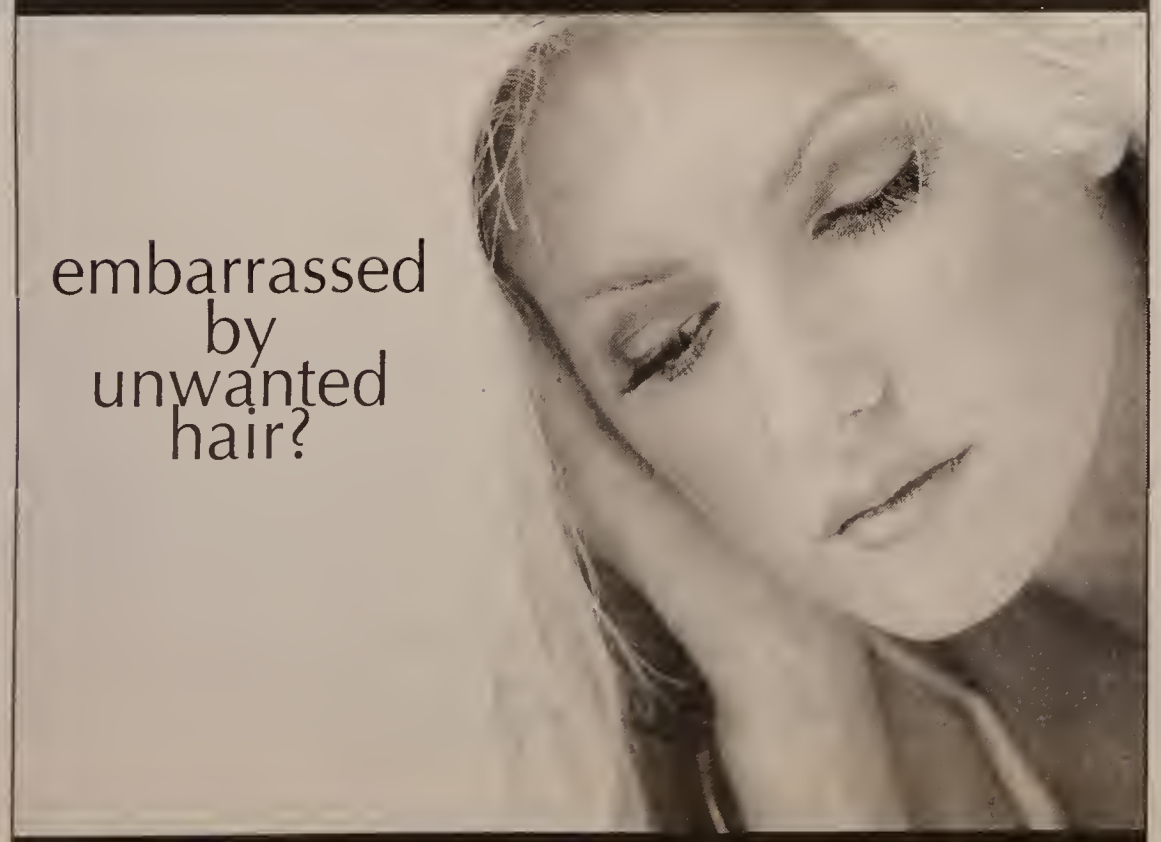

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Extraordinary practical gifts

Allie Brauhn

I have always wanted to be an extraordinary person. You know, the kind of person who can do ordinary things in a brilliant way. I've looked on in envy at people who have given inspiring testimonies of adventure, struggle and noble victory. I have always wanted to master something ... anything!

In high school I auditioned for the production of "Oklahoma!" and only made it as far as the "townsperson" role in the back row. I was turned down seven times for solos in choir, and I never made it to All-State. My freshman year at Wartburg, I went to the first rugby practice and after 30 minutes of elbow violence, I told the coach I needed to run to the restroom ... and never returned. (Sorry, coach.)

In my quest for the extraordinary within, I've finally waved my white flag. The truth is, when all is stripped away and God is sitting on His throne, I don't really need to be great at anything. I don't need to be famous or even be liked at all. So what is this desire to be extraordinary really about?

My real longing is to be certain that God has given me a gift with a purpose. I am compelled to know if what I am doing, no matter its required-skill level, has any eternal significance. I don't want to be 80 years old and still be wondering what God wants me to do with my life.

And so I start from scratch: 1) God, what are my gifts? And 2)What would you like to accomplish through them?

You see, I believe that God is into giving practical gifts. He doesn't just give trinkets that sit on the shelf and collect dust. God didn't give Moses the gift of leadership and then tell him to sit in his room and think about it. No! He gives gifts with purposes!

So what has He given me? What has He given you?

In the past few years of my life, the gift of music has emerged—in my friendships, in my summer jobs, in my communication with strangers and in my personal walk with the Lord. I have struggled with the practicality of this gift. How can I contribute to the well-being of the world and the Kingdom of God by singing songs and playing my guitar?

I remember the late Christian singer/songwriter Rich Mullins commenting on the uselessness of music in the practical sense. He admitted that music could not clean the house, pay the bills or scratch an itch. However, he could not deny that music mysteriously inspires change, communicates a message, and speaks a language beyond the limits of human vocabulary.

It is tedious business to be in search of God's purpose. It may mean setting aside a goal you've been working so hard to achieve because God has a greater goal in mind. It may mean laying your dreams to rest and committing to seeking out God's dream for you. It may mean accepting compliments and gaining confidence in things you don't feel extraordinary at doing (that which people compliment might very well be your gift!).

Never for a minute believe that your gift is a trinket! Ask God for its purpose and then pursue things that accomplish that purpose.

Is your gift creativity? Speaking? Writing? Designing? Encouraging? Laughing? Seek out your gift, and then ask God for its purpose. In doing so, you will be ushered into an entirely new realm of God's plan for your life. Could not the God that planned the creation of the Universe also meticulously plan the course and purpose of our lives?

God does not ask us to be extraordinary in our gifts. He simply asks us to be faithful to His purposes. He does not ask that I be the best singer in the world. He simply wants me to communicate to His people. What is your gift? What is its purpose?

Ask, listen and watch for God's answers. And then put on that gift with confidence, and run after God's purpose with your heart, soul and strength.

Are we getting our money's worth?

Chris Thomas

Let me ask you a question.

Notice I didn't ask if I could ask you a question because then I would already have asked you a question. That really doesn't give you much of a chance now does it?

Anyway, back to the question I was originally going to ask you without your permission. Do you feel that you are getting $49.46 out of each class that you go to? Well, I sure hope you are because that is the break- down of what each class period costs you here at Wartburg.

I had a little time this weekend to figure out the math of it all because it has been long rumored that each class costs us $60 when all is said and done. So I wanted to find out for sure. My figures assume that the typical student has four classes, two on Monday-Wednesday-Friday and two on Tuesday-Thursday.

If you take the amount of our yearly tuition that is actually dedicated to classes, you get $14,740. If a student takes the usual four classes each term as I stated and one regular May Term class, there are a possible 298 class periods to attend. So when you do the math, we arrive at $49.46 per class.

Now of course, you have to understand that the cost per class does depend on whether or not you take 3.5 credits or 4.5 credits or if you have night classes or more Tuesday-Thursday classes than others do. But for argument's sake, bear with me here.

So I'll ask again, do you feel you are getting your money's worth? I sure hope the answer is yes. Especially since most of are going into debt for this education. Personally, I'll be looking at near $22,000 of debt for my education when it's all said and done. But hopefully it will all pay off in the end when I take my degree out into the "real world" and start the job hunt. But it is still hard for me to get over the fact that we are paying anywhere between $49 and $60 for each class that we attend.

It seems like a lot, doesn't it? Especially when you skip class or are too sick to attend. When you are not in class, it is as good as tossing the money in a toilet and flushing it down the drain. It's not like we get a refund for the classes we don't go to at the end of the year. And I'm not asking for that either; that would be silly. And the controller's office would tell you that as well after they had you sign an agreement stating how silly that idea actually is.

But there is one thing that makes me feel better, and that is my friend who attends the University of Notre Dame. People will tell you that a Notre Dame diploma is just as valuable as a Wartburg degree, and maybe in theory that is true. Especially since you only get out of your education what you put in.

But when you look at the cold hard cash factors, we are getting a steal. The average price of a Notre Dame class is $100 per session. That makes our $49.46 seem like a deal, doesn't it?

Any way you look at it we are probably getting ripped off. A state school education (i.e. Iowa, Iowa State and UNI) is much cheaper. But you have to ask yourself what you want.

I wanted smaller classes, an opportunity to get to know my professors and a close knit community of classmates and staff. And that is what I got, so to me, I am getting my money's worth.

It doesn't have to be all about classes or education. It should be about what you want to get out of your time at Wartburg. Especially since you are the one paying the $49.46.

So you're thinking about coming out ...

by Amanda Porter and Ida Schiebstad
Counseling Services Paraprofessionals

When you think about all the aspects of who you are, what comes to mind? Are you a football player? A musician? A bookworm? You probably understand and accept most of those qualities as essential to the person you are.

However, imagine if one of those qualities of your personhood was an attraction to individuals of the same sex. How would this change the way you see yourself? The way others see you?

These are the questions that many homosexuals in our midst face each day. Some have declared their sexual orientation openly, while others continue to hide their true identity. The decision to come out to friends and family is a major step, but only a small part of the entire process of fully accepting oneself as gay or lesbian.

Prior to disclosing his/her homosexuality to others, a person must first recognize that he/she is attracted to members of the same sex. This may involve confusion, denial and feelings of loss of a "traditional" heterosexual life. Only after acknowledgement of one's sexual orientation should he/she begin to share with friends and family.

There are several things a person must consider before coming out. Timing is essential; it is best to choose a time when the family is not dealing with other major issues, such as a death, divorce or illness. If family members are already stressed out, they may be less willing to discuss the issue. It is important to avoid using sexuality as a weapon by coming out during a fight. This surrounds the issue with resentment from the beginning. The individual must consider the relationship he/she has with that person and plan the conversation accordingly.

Parents often have a negative initial reaction to the news that their son or daughter is homosexual.

Research shows that many parents follow typical stages of the grief reaction, similar to those experienced after the death of a loved one. As described by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross, these stages are shock, denial, guilt, expression of feelings, decision making and finally, true acceptance.

Many parents fluctuate between stages, and some may never reach true acceptance. Even though they may not reach those final stages, most still love their child regardless of his/her sexuality.

The coming out process is rarely easy. While it is impossible to control the reactions of others, resources exist which can aid individuals in the process of acceptance.

One nation-wide organization is PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), which provides support and information to all parties involved.

For information on support groups in the Cedar Valley area, call the Gay and Lesbian Information Line at (319) 232-6805.

Information and support are also available through Wartburg Counseling Services, ext. 8539.

Dare to be naive.
-- Buckminster Fuller

Wartburg Servi

Destination: Valdosta, Ga.

Sunday, Feb. 27

After a long day of travel, the group arrived in Nashville. At church, the pastor repented for having a Luther College choir poster hanging up. Then, we received a lesson in Southern dialect.

The drive through the Appalachians was scenic. However, we found the many billboards for "Big Daddy's Fireworks" and "Microsurgery Vascectomy Reversal" somewhat distracting.

At last we drove into the one-stop-light town of Hahira. We received a welcome, and after some excitement with wasps, invaded the six-aisle grocery store.

Monday, Feb. 28

Our first building day was interesting. We got up a couple walls, but then had to take down some boards to make changes. We were better at taking out nails than pounding them in. Britta Monson was especially good at removing large parts of the wall with an ax.

After a hard first day's work, we went to the mayor's house. We rode in his army jeep, ate lots of great food from the grill and went paddleboating on a gator-infested creek. Kenny Allen sang to the Lord for protection, so we made it out with all of our limbs.

Britta Monson/ FORTRESS

TEAMWORK—Senior co-leader Sarah Recker, freshman Kenny Allen, sophomores Kim Neymeyer and Liz Hadler, and junior Sarah Christopherson hoist a truss for the roof of a Habitat for Humanity house in Valdosta, GA.

Tuesday, Feb. 29

We got an early start on work s afternoon. We managed to get up room window twice!

On our way to Jekyll Island, " highway. It was a beautiful day t ocean and soaking up some sun.

Wednesday, March 1

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Thursday, March 2

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Friday, March 3

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The rest of our evening was spen riences.

Destination: Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

The service trip to Mount Pleasant, South Carolina was very special. Our work for Habitat for Humanity consisted of renovating a house to make it fit for use by a less fortunate family.

Our group worked very hard and got a lot accomplished on the house. We removed the siding from the house, replaced old shingles, installed insulation, and began working on repairing the inside of the house as well.

Many of the tasks that we had to accomplish required a lot of hard work and effort, but our group was always up for the challenge.

The trip was very special because of the beautiful area we were in as well as the comradery of our group. We got a chance to visit the city of Charleston with its beautiful houses and also got a chance to see many historical sites.

The USS Yorktown, Fort Sumpter, and Fort Moultrie were all sites that we were able to enjoy. The historical sites that we visited were remarkable. The USS Yorktown, which we were allowed to tour, is an air craft carrier that was used in World War II. Fort Moultrie and Fort Sumpter were two forts along the South Carolina coast that were larger factors in the Civil War.

Our group had a great time together on this trip. We spent the week doing almost everything together as a unit, so we quickly got to know each other.

We bonded immediately and enjoyed each other's company on and off the work site, which helped make this trip one to remember.

—Austin Robertson, freshman

Destination: Philadelphia

During Winter Break, I was priviledged to be able to participate in a service trip that went to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

When we arrived, we discovered where we would be staying for the week, at Atonement Luthern Church. This was an awesome experience because the church wasn't in the best neighborhood, but it taught us as a group to trust each other and to rely on each other for support.

It was amazing how the group bonded during the time that we were at the church. It was amazing.

Monday and Tuesday, we worked with MANNA, an organization that provides meals to homebound AIDS patients. During these two days, we prepared over 3000 meals. It was amazing to be able to work with the volunteers at MANNA and to be able to talk to them about issues in Philadelphia. Some of the volunteers had AIDS, and it was amazing for me to see how they can do the same things that I can. The people were friendly, and we did a lot of work.

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—Ste

Destination: Philadelphia, Pa.

KWRU (Kensington Welfare Rights Union) is a grassroots organization that fights to eliminate poverty. KWRU is led by people who are homeless or living in homes and receiving welfare.

The organization works to acheive living wage permanant jobs for all people. KWRU is an organization that starts with people in the neighborhood and branches out into the world.

Among our week's activities was a food distribution. Part of our group went to a produce import where various stores pick up their supplies.

We went around to each manager and asked for donations. We came back with a van of food to take to the neighborhood of Kensington.

Much of the week we worked to educate people about a protest at the end of the week against welfare reform. So we went to neighborhoods, college and welfare establishments to get support.

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Destination: Amarillo, Texas

Janna Swedin/ COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING
THE NIGHTMARE BEGINS— Junior Allison Kleckner, senior Elly Mattle, and freshman Jake Sorenson put up the first wall on one of two Habitat houses in Amarillo, Texas.

Braum's, Toot-n-Totem, cactuses and red sand. Yep. We definitely weren't in Iowa anymore. Saturday morning at 6, 12 Warturgianites set out southbound for Amarillo, Texas. Our first stop was in Oklahoma City, Okla., where we spent the night on a church floor. After worshipping with the 20-member congregation Sunday, we were off again, but not before a stop downtown to remember the Oklahoma City bombing that killed 178 and changed the lives of thousands others.

On the road again, we slept, read and asked "If" book questions until the Lone Star state. Laird Kinnier, superintendent of the Amarillo Habitat construction project, welcomed us and was our tour guide for six days. He instructed us on what we had all been waiting to do since November.

Monday morning we were introduced to our cement slabs. A 43' by 24' piece of concrete, 11 outside and 18 inside pre-fabricated walls were what we started with. By 4:30 Monday afternoon the walls of our first house were up, and we were beat.

A cloudless, blue sky and sunshine filled our spirits as we put up the walls on our second house and got out early for a Habitat house dedication and a hockey game.

Earlier, at the house dedication, we realized why we came on this service trip. A sense of joy came over our group as the family was presented with a Bible, marking the blessing of their new home.

Wednesday brought us a day much like Monday; tattered, gray, cold and again, windy. We finished nicknack things around the house and pulled up the trusses on both roofs. Calling it a day, we were invited to Laird's church for dinner and conversation. His involvement with Habitat and students from all over the country left his congregation very curious about our "construction training sessions" and northern accents.

Thursday morning we woke to sheets of rain as our structure sites became saturated. We used this day to tour the town, visit the Texas State penitentiary and sort cans of food at a children's home.

Heading north but not before south, Friday we hiked through Palo Duro Canyon, 20 miles south of Amarillo. Beautiful but chilly, we were ready to hitch our way home by mid-morning. We stayed with generous host families from Christy Hansen's church while in Witchta, Kan.

Saturday allowed us a fine day for driving the rest of the way home. Growing, learning, laughing and bruising, we realized the week had been a success when we returned to our usual Baskin Robbins, Kwik Trips, tulips and black dirt.

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Destination: Georgetown, S.C.

When asked what the highlight of her trip To Georgetown, S.C. was co-leader Mandy Schaller replied, "For me, it was being able to work side by side with the future homeowner. We got to work with her on a daily basis and got to meet her son and grandson. Her daughter goes to school, so we missed her, but it was amazing to know that they will have a home by May. "

She said the best thing about leading the trip was, "I loved watching the group bond together and become a tight-knit "family," everyone had so many gifts in the group to share. Whether it was to make laughter, build a spirit up, have construction knowledge, etc. I was thunderstruck by the personalities in the group. Everyone was so caring and compassionate—hearing the laughter and seeing the joy was a humbling experience."

Mandy said she learned "how to be more spontaneous and flexible" from leading her group.

"I am a person that likes things all planned out and organized. We did things on our trip that weren't planned out, such as having a campfire on the beach by the ocean. This wouldn't have happened without the "randomness" of decision making. I also learned more about myself and how I relate to others."

HOLD STEADY—Junior Adam Klein atop the ladder, while junior Mandy Schaller and advisor Stephanie Newsom hold the ladder.
Emily Speltz/ TRUMPET

Destination: East St. Louis, Ill.

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PLAY TIME—Anush Harutyunyan and junior Dina Tannous spend time with kids while on their service trip to East St. Louis, Ill.

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Choirs to combine for concert

by Kris Yeager
Staff Writer

Men and women's voices will fill the Wartburg Chapel when St. Elizabeth's Chorale and Ritterchor perform together Sunday at 7 p.m.

St. Elizabeth's Chorale will perform five pieces including "Missa Brevis" by Claude Champagne and "Three Sacred Choruses" by Johannes Brahms.

"It is going to be great ... several of the pieces are so challenging," said Eileen Farrell, director of the group.

The all-male Ritterchor will contrast with the sound of the all-female St. Elizabeth's Chorale.

Ritterchor will perform its 13-song tour repertoire as well as new pieces. Some of the group's songs include "Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl and "A Jubilant Song."

Director Matthew Armstrong arranges many of the group's other songs. Armstrong said he is looking forward to the concert.

"It will have sentimental value for us," said Armstrong, "because it will be the last concert for seniors Chad Lukes, Kevin Hart, and accompanist Emily Schneider."

However, the choir will perform at least two more times this year.

Speech team wins honors

by Jill Peterka
Staff Writer

The Wartburg Speech team was named the state runner-up for the first time at the Iowa Intercollegiate Forensic Association's State of Iowa Championships.

Senior Britta Monson was the state runner-up in expository speaking and the state champion in storytelling and program oral interpretation.

"It was a nice one to go out on," Monson said, as this was her last speech contest.

Junior Megan Myhre received third place in prose and was the state runner-up in poetry.

Freshman Panda Ferrell received sixth place in the original oratory category.

"I am so proud of them for representing Wartburg before the state in such a classy way," said coach Peggy Hanfelt.

The state contest is only open to Iowa schools and offers traditional events like extemporaneous speaking, oratory, expository, prose, poetry and dramatic duo. This year's experimental events are program oral interpretation and storytelling.

The six colleges that participated in the event were Cornell, UNI, Loras, Central, St. Ambrose and Wartburg.

MOVIE REVIEW

Mid-life crisis?

Adam Arends

Hello, Mid-Life Crisis! In *Wonder Boys*, Michael Douglas plays a college English professor/novelist who is going through some personal and professional problems. His wife left him, he's having an affair with another faculty member, he's driving a stolen car, he kills a dog, he hasn't written a novel since his hit, and now he is helping his most talented student (Toby Maguire), who may get book published. This crazy plot leads the professor on a journey of self-discovery that is very funny and entertaining.

The performances are impressive and convincing. Douglas is in a refreshing role for him by playing a man looking for some direction. In addition to all the distractions, he is boarding another one of his students, Hannah Green, played by the infinitely cute Katie Holmes (*Dawson's Creek, Disturbing Behavior*), who has a big crush on her professor. Maguire (*Pleasantville, The Cider House Rules*), is enjoyable and intriguing as the new wonder boy. Robert Downey Jr. plays Douglas's agent and provides comic moments.

This movie is obviously intended for an intellectual, mature audience. It relies on a well-written script and impressive acting. The plot of a middle-aged man's search for direction is nothing new, but the way the story unfolds is impressive. Cliche as it is, the journey makes this movie worthwhile, not the destination, as the movie ends unimpressively and without surprises. This isn't a laugh-a-minute comedy, but a cerebral chuckle-chuckle comedy that is very true in its execution. I recommend this film, but make sure you're in a thoughtful mood before you go or rent it.

My rating: 3 of 5.

Men cagers close out season

by Heather Johnson
Staff Writer

The Wartburg men's basketball season came to a close Feb. 25 when they bowed out to nationally-ranked Buena Vista College, 71-65 in the second round of Iowa Conference Tournament play.

The Knights traveled to Storm Lake to take on the Beavers after ending conference-rival Luther's season in Decorah in the first-round matchup. Four Knights scored in double figures for the Knights against BV, but more turnovers and fewer rebounds than the Beavers proved to be the difference in the game.

Junior Marty Leary led the Knights with 15, points and junior Troy Osterhaus was close behind with 13. Junior Pat Morrison and freshman Jake Olsen contributed 10 points apiece to the loss. Osterhaus led Wartburg on the boards with eight.

The Knights finish the season with an 11-9 IIAC record and 14-12 overall. Morrison led Wartburg in the scoring category for the year with an average of 15 points per game. Osterhaus was second with 12. Osterhaus also led the squad on the boards, pulling down five boards per outing.

The lone senior on the team, Erik Book, dished out 110 assists throughout the season while Osterhaus led the squad with a total of 40 steals. Morrison led the Knights from the charity strip shooting 75 percent on the year.

According to head coach Dick Peth, it took a while for the team to come together with so many freshmen on the squad. He said the younger guys didn't understand the level of intensity of the college game and the physical aspect at first.

Despite the 0-3 start on the season, Peth said it turned out to be very successful.

"The program made tremendous strides from start to finish. We were picked to finish eighth in the conference and we finished fifth, only one game short of third," said Peth. "Winning the first-round game at Luther was a big stepping stone, especially after losing in their gym only a couple of weeks earlier."

Awards were announced at the annual banquet Saturday night. Osterhaus was named the team's most valuable player as well as a captain for next year's season along with Morrison. Book was named senior of the year while junior Dan Bock was named most improved. Olsen was designated newcomer of the year.

All-conference first-team honors were presented to Osterhaus, and Morrison was named to the second team.

"Right now our focus for next year is setting goals on getting strong and building and maintaining team unity," said Peth.

"Progress is important in the off-season as far as individual improvement and playing as a team."

Tracksters toast to outdoor

by Matt Cook
Staff Writer

The Wartburg women's track team didn't travel to Luther just to win conference but to dominate it. The women scored 201 points to Luther's 128 to win another conference title.

"To go and score that many points shows the depth we have," said Coach Marcus Newsom.

Junior Melissa Stensland, senior Jeanette Olson, senior Erin Ries and sophomore Erin VanZee all individually placed first twice.

The shot putters got the meet started as Stensland took first with a heave of 43-4 1/4 over fellow teammate senior Amy Sullivan, who had a throw of 43-1. Stensland also won the 20 lb. throw with a heave of 41-5 over Coe's Jenny Hoyt.

"We couldn't have asked anything more from Melissa [Stensland] and Amy [Sullivan]. They both did a tremendous job," said Newsom.

Other winners in the field events were junior Keeven Shadle, getting fifth in the long jump with 16-8 and fifth in the triple jump with a leap of 32-5. Sophomore Rachel Miller placed sixth in the pole vault at 6-1.

In the sprint area there were great finishes by sophomores Liz Jaben and Suzie Rienhardt. Jaben placed second in the 55m dash with a time of 7.49, while Reinhardt got fourth in 7.56. In the 200m dash Reinhardt placed second with 26.71 while Jaben got third with a time of 26.85.

In the 200m hurdles Olson won with meet record time of 29.38. Junior Keri Deppe placed third with a time of 30.45. Olson also placed third in the 55m hurtles with a time of 8.72.

Olson and freshman Brandee Bierschenk packed a one-two punch into the 400m dash as they won it in 58.98 and 60.23, respectively.

"It was a really nice way to end the season, especially with how the whole team did. Integrity always wins and we definitely had that on our side," said Olson.

In the 600m, Luther's Beth Jones squirmed by Sommer Baxton for first place.

The 800m had VanZee winning with in 2:19.2, beating second place by more than a second.

"There was so much support that helped carry us through the races. I couldn't have done it without it," said VanZee.

In the 1000m, Ries dominated by winning with a time of 3:05 as fellow teammates seniors Betsy Neff and Karen Bomar placed fourth and sixth, respectively.

VanZee and Ries teamed up in the 1500m and pulled off a one-two finish. VanZee won it in 4:47.84, while Ries got second with a time of 4:48.38.

The 3000m had Ries running away from the competition and winning in a time of 10:29.94, almost 11 seconds better than the second place finisher. Other place winners were freshman Gretchen Graham with fourth in 10:59.54 and junior Kristen Nauman fifth with 11:02.94.

"The competition was great and I felt that all the hard work paid off for everyone," said Ries.

Coach Steve Johnson said that both Ries and VanZee had tremendous meets which helped set things up for the conference title.

In the 5000m sophomore Stacy Ernst placed third in 18:14.57 and Nauman placed sixth with a time of 19:04.34.

The 4x200 team of Biershenk, Rienhardt, Quiana Norals and Jaben won in a record time of 1:45.98, beating Loras by a second.

The 4x400 team of Biershenk, Rienhardt, Baxton and Olson won with a record and provisional qualifying time of 3:59.65.

The distance medley placed second with a provisional qualifying time of 12:34.90. This team consisted of freshman Tara Bruck, Miller, junior Abby Fleihler and Vanzee.

"We all ran very well as a team. It felt weird, but it was nice to run a different relay especially when you felt good doing it," said Miller.

Men see second place

by Michael Johnson
Staff Writer

The men's track team finished second at the Iowa Conference Indoor meet hosted by Luther College with 136.5 points.

Freshman runner Adam Sundall ran the 1500m in 4:02.89 to finish first.

Sundall credits his success to his teammates.

"My teammates help me in the off season, and we put in many miles. I feel I do my best for the love of the sport," Sundall said.

Sophomore Brock Lehman finished second in the 3000m with a time of 8:51.73. Lehman broke the venue record and flew away in first place in the 5000m with a time of 15:30.12.

Junior Tom Zirbel placed third in the 3000m, also breaking the venue record with a time of 8:52.33. Zirbel bit the heels of Lehman in the 5000m with a second place finish of 15:30.62. Zirbel holds both records for the Knights in the 3000m and 5000m.

"I was disappointed with my finishes at the conference meet, but my teammates picked me up. The indoor conference meet made me realize I need to work harder for the outdoor conference meet in Pella," Zirbel said.

Freshman Tuffy Jackson placed second in the 600m with a time of 1:22.80.

Junior Josh Graves placed sixth in the 600m with a time of 1:24.76.

"Injuries slowed me down through most of the indoor season. I hope I am better for the outdoor season," said Graves.

Sophomore Brad Hofer finished second in the 800m with a time of 1:58.67.

Junior standout Miradeau Joseph ran the 55m hurdles with a time of 7.95 to finish second.

"I could have done better. I didn't open up for fear of pulling my hamstring again. In the outdoor season I will do better and qualify in every event I run in," said Joseph.

Junior John Zehr finished fourth in the 200m hurdles in 25.94.

The distance medley team consisting of Hofer, Jackson, Joseph and Sundall finished second with a time of 10:20.64.

Sophomore Shaun McMorris ran the 200m in a time of 22.83, placing third.

Freshman Joe Hughes placed third in the 1500m with a time of 4:04.65.

The 4x400 relay team consisting of Jackson, senior Josh Wedermeier, junior Mark Van Gorkom and Joseph finished with a time of 3:25.73 for third place.

Senior thrower Joel Rochford heaved a throw of 48-6 to place third in the shotput.

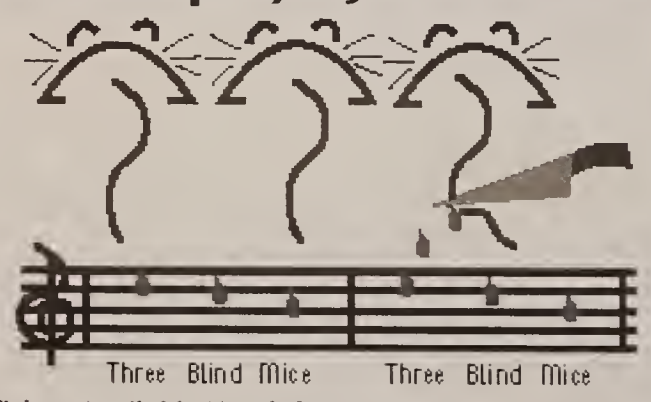
Senior Cory Cantrall placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 21-8 and sixth in the triple jump.

Sophomore Matt Cook finished fourth in the 1000m with the time of 2:37.02.

Junior Michael Johnson finished fifth in the high jump and eighth in the triple jump.

The men's track team will begin their outdoor season March 24 at the Waverly High School track.

Mousetrap by Agatha Christie



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Clocked at two

by Joe Hughes
Staff Writer

The Wartburg wrestlers were runners-up at the Division III National Wrestling Tournament March 4 in Ohio. The Knights, who were the 1999 national champions, produced seven all-Americans.

Senior Zac Weiglein defended his national title at 125 with a victory in the finals over Augsburg's Darin Bertram. Weiglein defeated Bertram in the finals last year, but Bertram beat Weiglein in a dual earlier this season. The match was tied 1-1 until late in the third period when Bertram was called for stalling. Weiglein then escaped for the 4-2 win.

"Weiglein is the toughest man in town," said teammates juniors Matt Buskohl and Casey Doyle.

The Knights finished second to Augsburg, who had four national champions. The top three teams were Augsburg in first with 136; second place went to Wartburg with 88 points, and third was capped by Montclair State with 69 points.

"They [Augsburg] had a real good team," said Coach Jim Miller. "I felt good. It's tough to be disappointed. We were competitive. Only two teams can say year in and year out that they are bidding for a national championship."

Senior Nick Mitchell at 149 lost 5-0 to Royce Ever of Lycoming in the second round, but fought his way to the consolation finals.

Mitchell was rematched with Ever, but this time Mitchell earned the 5-3 victory for third place.

"Mitchell showed that he belonged at the top of the weight class," said Miller.

Senior Ben Kritsonis, wrestling at 133, was pinned by national champion Jesus Wilson of Upper Iowa in the semifinals.

Courtesy of Gary Smith

FINISHING ON TOP AGAIN—Senior Zac Weiglein powers over Darin Bertram of Augsburg in the finals on his way to his second straight IIAC championship. Weiglein avenged an earlier defeat to Bertram 4-2.

Kritsonis had beaten Wilson in an intense battle the week before at the IIAC championships. Kritsonis wrestled back to the consolation finals, where he defeated John Conte of Wilkes 17-12 to earn third place.

At 197, Buskohl upset third-ranked Titus Folden of Pacific in the first round, but lost 8-4 to Augsburg's Josh Clausen in the semifinals. Buskohl beat Folden again in the consolation bracket before losing to Brandon Novak of St. John's 5-1 for fourth place.

At 157, senior Chris Smith also earned fourth place all-American honors. Smith beat Mike Longobardi 3-2 in overtime of the second round.

Again, the semifinals proved to hurt Wartburg the most as national champion Mike Helm defeated Smith 3-2. Smith beat arch rival Ben Barclay of Luther 8-5 to advance to the consolation finals, where he lost 4-3 to Wheaton's Dan Weber.

At 141, Doyle pinned Vryan Klass of Delaware in the second round, but fell victim to Rob Anderson of UW-LaCrosse in the deadly semifinal round.

"We fought hard," said Doyle. "We had a lot of tough matches; tough wins and tough losses."

Doyle lost to Brian Jones of Augsburg to place sixth in the nation.

Senior Heavyweight Kris O'Rear earned all-American honors for the second year in a row. He won his first match 10-0, but lost in the second round to top-ranked Rob Cosper 3-2. O'Rear split four matches in the consolation bracket. His final match was a loss to Loras' Don LeRoux in double overtime.

The Knights were eliminated before medal contention at 165, 174 and 184.

Justin Holdgrafer, wrestling at 165, lost in the first round, then beat Augsburg's Tony Abbott 12-3. Luther's Jeff Freidhof stopped Holdgrafer 4-2.

Brandon Holmberg beat Gettysburg's Chris Beck in the first round 9-4 at 174. Holmberg lost to Sevond Cole of Buena Vista 10-6. Holmberg was eliminated in the consolation bracket by third-ranked Brad Christie in sudden death overtime.

Carson Andorf, at 184, beat third-ranked Tyras Bookman in the first round, but lost his next two matches 5-2 and 3-2.

Four wrestlers were named academic all-Americans: Alesch, Andorf, Doyle and Weiglein.

Youth pave way for Knights

Elaina Meier
Graphics Editor

For a group that was labeled inexperienced, the Wartburg women's basketball team made a statement in the 1999-2000 season. Finishing in a tie for second in the conference with rival Luther, the Knights led the conference in rebounding.

Prior to the season, players and coaches were hesistant to make predictions about a team whose roster held only one senior and five freshmen. The women finished the season with an 18-8 overall record and a 14-6 conference record.

The Knights finished the season with IIAC conference tournament play against Central and Luther. The women prevailed at home 74-65 against Central before falling to the Luther Norse 71-66 in Decorah.

While the team did not reach its goal of a conference title, the players and Coach Monica Severson were pleased with the team's overall efforts and acomplishments on the season.

"I am very proud of the things this team accomplished. Being very inexperienced, there was a lot of grey at the beginning of the season and we didn't know how great a team we were," said Severson.

Although inexperienced by some standards, the team was anchored by their five starters, four of whom will return next season to lead the Knights. The returning starters next season will be juniors Amy Drees, Jenni Donohue, Molly Mason and sophomore Brianne Schoonover.

Carrie Hanson, who was the lone senior on the team, said, "I think we surprised a lot of people this season ... we came together as a team and people stepped up."

"Carrie has had a very good senior year ... the way she demonstrated leadership and handled her roles as the only senior was a real key to our success ," said Severson.

On the court this season, the Knights were led by many players, which demonstrates Severson's belief in the value of balanced scoring and rebounding.

"In the games we won, we did have very, very balanced scoring. Some that we lost, we probably didn't get as even scoring as we would have liked," said Severson.

So why is the balanced scoring so critical to the success of the program?

"It makes our team hard to defend. If they take out some one like Holly [Mohs], Brianne [Schoonover] or Molly [Mason] can step up and contribute," said Severson.

Schoonover led the team in total points on the season, and averaged 13.7 points per game. Mohs, who was second in overall scoring, averaged 13 points per game. The team also saw large contributions from Mason, averaging 11.5 points per game and Donohue who tallied 10.9 points per game.

Mohs dominated on the boards, pulling in one out of every five rebounds for the Knights.

Mason and Donohue also had substantial numbers on the boards, but both were out done by Mohs by over 60 boards.

"Holly is one of the best rebounders we've had at Wartburg...As a freshman, Holly has had as a good a year as any while I've been here. She was very consistent," said Severson.

While there are always individual leaders in terms of statistics, the numbers for the women show a team that was led not by a single player, but a multitude of players.

"The beauty of this year's team was that someone different turned it on each and every night. If one person didn't turn it on one night, someone else did it," said Schoonover.

The notion of the team was one that prevailed in the comments and values of the Knights this season.

When asked to explain, Schoonover said, "When I came to Wartburg, I looked at a program that Monica was putting together that was totally team oriented. If you look around campus, there is always someone else picking up this campus. It's a family, ya' know? That is why you will always hear me talk about [the team]."

Looking ahead to next season, Drees summed up the teams attitude when she said, "We hope to build on what was established this year. We hope we can win the conference championship and go farther in the tournament."

As for the team's outlook, "Wartburg is going to be a strong program the next four years," said Schoonover.

While returning a strong roster, the Knights will still have work to do to continue their success next season.

"Defensively, our team definitely has to improve. We have to be better at stopping dribble penetration and with helping ... We have the scorers, but we have to become a better defensive team in order to continue our success," said Severson.